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Elba City Council approves motion to continue several site improvements at Hawkins-Williams Recreation Park

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council moved forward with renovations for Hawkins-Williams Park during the council meeting Monday night, Feb. 10, when the council approved a new resolution for more work to begin at the recreational park.

The work is part of a LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) grant the city received for site improvements at Hawkins-Williams Park. The resolution approved by the council Monday night accepted a quote from McClain Contracting Company Inc. of Andalusia, Ala., in the amount of \$174,566.

Project engineer DeAnn Grantham, of Southern Engineering Solutions, said the quote includes all remaining proposed work for the Hawkins-Williams Park project except work on the bathrooms, which need to be made handicap accessible. She said she felt the bathroom work could be done for less than what the quote indicated on that portion of the project.

The total construction awarded from the LWCF grant and match on the project was \$278,000. The playground, which was previously completed at Hawkins-Williams Park cost \$48,705.33. The new construction improvements approved during Monday night's meeting will cost the additional \$174,566.

Grantham said that leaves \$54,728.67 to complete the bathroom, and she said she feels the necessary work can be done within that funding availability by negotiating that part at a later date.

In approving the recommendation from Grantham, she said, "We can move forward with all but the bathrooms and go ahead and get moving with the project. We don't really need the bathrooms out of order during ball season anyway."

The council voted unanimously to approve the resolution on the proposed site improvements for Hawkins-Williams Park, minus the bathroom work.

Grantham said lots of the

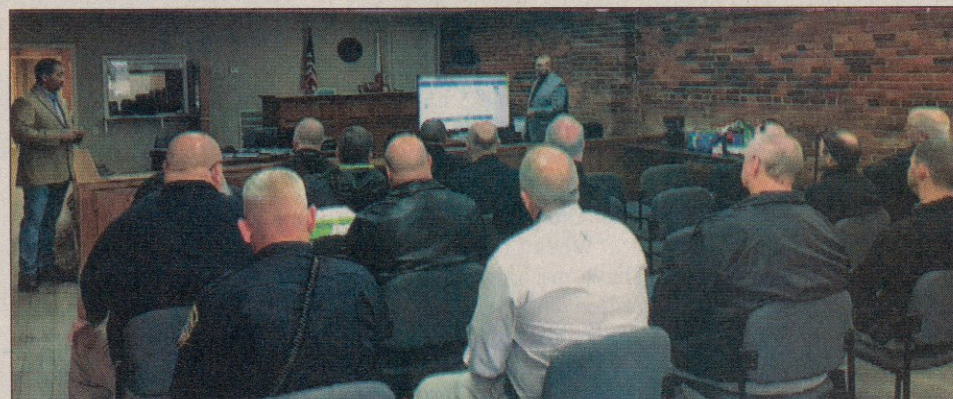
work should be underway and/or completed by the start of the youth baseball/softball season this Spring.

The council approved a FEMA legal contract Monday night to employ attorney Bart Boothe to provide certain legal services for the city involving parcels of property approved for voluntary participation in FEMA's Stafford Act financial Grant to the City of Elba.

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ELBA LADY TIGERS VISIT WITH MAYOR MICKEY MURDOCK...Mayor Mickey Murdock personally wished the Elba Lady Tigers good luck in their playoff endeavors earlier this week when the team visited the mayor at his office in downtown Elba. On Monday, Feb. 10, the coaches and players came to Elba City Hall where Mayor Murdock congratulated them on a highly successful season and wished the young ladies good luck in their sub-regional game later that night against Pleasant Home. The Lady Tigers went on to defeat Pleasant Home 51-27 to advance to the State Regionals later this week. As of press time, it was known that the Lady Tigers would play at either 3 or 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, but no further details had been set. Those pictured above include: (front, l to r) Yada Caldwell, Maggie Hammonds, Andreyia Chism, Mayor Murdock, Freeda Hooks, Celeste Edwards, and Breanna Sanders; (back, l to r) Coach Shaun Hammonds, Naveah Sanders, Izaiah Johnson, Undreya Chism, Nina Williams, Melissa Williams, Jaylyn Baker, Zhandria Siler, Danaejah Flowers, Leeann Sanders, and Coach Patricia Jordan.



Officials with the Central Alabama Crime Stoppers agency provide a tutorial to local law enforcement agencies about the P3 Tips online program. This meeting was hosted by the Elba Police Department. Elba has joined as a partner with Crime Stoppers.

Elba PD hosts reps of local law enforcement agencies for Crime Stoppers presentation on P3 mobile app

The Elba Police Department hosted a Crime Stoppers information meeting last Friday, Feb. 7, with representatives from several local law enforcement agencies in attendance.

Lt. Russ Young with the Elba Police Department said Elba already has signed up as a member of the Central Alabama Crime Stoppers organization. He said Friday's program, held in the Elba Municipal Court offices, provided an opportunity for additional local agencies to learn more about Crime Stoppers technology and to sign up for the program as well.

"Agencies from Coffee, Covington, Geneva, and Crenshaw counties were represented at last week's meeting," Lt. Young said. "And, several of those signed letters of intent with Central Alabama Crime Stoppers to join the program."

Officials with Central Alabama Crime Stoppers pro-



vided a tutorial during the meeting of technology available now that allows tipsters to use the internet and even their mobile phones to provide tips anonymously on crimes.

The P3 Intel is a tip management software program used by Central Alabama Crime Stoppers that allows tipsters to provide their tips anonymously to Crime Stoppers using the app.

According to officials with Central Alabama Crime Stoppers, tipsters can provide tips online completely secure and anonymous via the WebTip process. This unique integrated two-way dialog capabilities allows the tipster to come back and provide additional information to their tip at any time, but it also provide a secure means

for the coordinator to ask questions and/or provide reward information back to the tipster through the same secure and encrypted interface.

P3 tips is the mobile app available for download at the Apple App Store or Android App on Google Play, and this allows tipsters to use their mobile phones to provide tips to help law enforcement agencies fight crime.

P3 simply stands for Public, Police, Private Sector - Working together to Solve and Prevent Crime.

Lt. Young told Elba City Council members Monday night, Feb. 10, during the council meeting that being a

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Coffee County BOE members accept retirement letters from two longtime Zion Chapel elementary teachers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education received good financial status news Thursday evening, Feb. 6, during the regular monthly board meeting.

David Langham, a municipal investment banker for financial services organization INTL FCStone said it was necessary to get the board a credit rating as it looks into long-term debt investments. He said that report came back to him, and he was happy to report that Standard and Poors assigned a AA- rating to the Coffee County School System.

"In the bond world, this is like a 775 credit score," Langham said. "This is a fantastic, wonderful accomplishment. Your system is in the top tier of school systems in Alabama."

Langham said the AA-rating would allow Coffee County to go into the market and get the best interest rates on the long-term debt financing.

Following Langham presentation, the board approved an authorizing resolution to allow INTL FCStone Financial to proceed with the bond process. Langham said the resolution allows him to send necessary forms to the state, and once the forms are approved and returned from the state, he can go into the market and lock down an in-

terest rate.

Langham said his objective, if everything is approved and returned in a timely manner, would be to have an interest rate locked in by Feb. 18th with closing on the bond by the 27th of the month. Of course, he said that all depended on the state returning forms in a timely manner.

A group of four senior students from New Brockton High School - Destiny Hataway, Paula McKenna, Mary Beth Smith, and Jayle Teele - presented their winning senior honors project to the board during last week's meeting. This was a literature project.

Gray Harrison, technology coordinator for the Coffee County School System, coordinated a honors project competition for the county schools. He said the teachers set the criteria for this senior project, along with what was expected from the students with their final product.

Harrison said there were some very good presentation, but the team from New Brockton was determined as the county winner.

In other business, board members approved a recommendation from superintendent Kevin Killingsworth to send out bids for construction of six new classrooms at New Brockton High School.

Also during the meeting, the board approved three personnel matters, including accepting retirement letters

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News Brief:

A two-vehicle accident Monday, Feb. 10, at 2:20 p.m., claimed the life of a Coffee County woman.

Sharon Lee Miller, age 43, of Enterprise, Ala., was killed when the 2014 Honda Pilot she was operating pulled into the path of a 2012 Freightliner, driven by Johnny Sherrer, age 57, of Chancellor, Ala. Miller was pronounced dead at the scene. Sherrer was transported to Medical Center Enterprise with non-life threatening injuries.

The accident occurred on Alabama 167 at the intersection of Alabama 85, ten miles south of Enterprise. Nothing further is available as ALEA State Troopers continue to investigate.

Donation campaigns underway to benefit Elba Theatre

The Elba Theatre project continues to move forward with the project already having raised over \$472,000 to help in bringing movies, plays, concerts, and more to the theatre again; however, project organizers said now is a great time to help even more.

"Over the next couple of months, if you happen by, you could see the re-placement of the roof, the installation of an HVAC system, the addition of restrooms and more," said Restoration 154's Justin Maddox. "Yet, we are not finished, and we need your help more than ever."

Restoration 154 is the non-profit organization overseeing the Elba Theatre project.

Restoration 154 currently has two ways the community can donate to the Elba Theatre project, and of these options, helps

others as well.

The first donating option for the Elba Theatre is a 'double your impact' possibility.

Maddox said Artplace America has agreed to match any donation made to the Elba Theatre project, up to \$1,000, through Thursday, Feb. 20th. He said this means if a person donates \$1 then Artplace America will donate \$1. Any amount given from \$1 to \$1,000 will be doubled!

To participate with this opportunity, Maddox said one should visit the website www.elbatheatre.com and click on the 'Support The Theatre' link [then click on the IOBY campaign link].

Also, he said any preferring to donate by check can do so as well by contacting Restoration 154 at restoration154@gmail.com, or

calling (334) 494-2952.

The second donating opportunity that Restoration 154 currently has going through March 4th is the donation of gently worn, used and new shoes.

One may ask how donating shoes will generate funds for the Elba Theatre project, and Maddox said the answer is via a partnership with Funds2Orgs.

He said Restoration 154 member Philip Box actually is overseeing this particular project, but the gist of it is that Restoration 154 collects the shoes, and then those shoes are banded together [bagged by count of 25 pair in each]. Funds2Orgs collects the shoes when they are ready, and they provide funds to the Elba Theatre project based on count [i.e., 100 bags equals \$1,000].

It is at this point that Maddox said the shoe donations help others beyond

Elba Chief of Police warns citizens to be aware of new phone scam

Elba Chief of Police Leslie Hussey said Tuesday, Feb. 11, that he had been made aware of a new phone scam circulating in the area.

Chief Hussey said a citizen called him referencing a phone scam where the caller indicates he/she is from Google or Microsoft, and he/she insists the citizen will have to start paying a \$2.99 fee per month on your account. The caller insists this is necessary to keep the account open, and then asks for bank account or credit card information to process the monthly fee.

Chief Hussey wants citizens to know this is completely a phone scam, and is not legitimate at all. He said anyone that receives such a call should simply hang up on the phone scammer, but he said to never give out personal information or financial information over the phone.

Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Alabama Forestry Commission office, 1155 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351.

THE ELBA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be Saturday, March 7, from 6 - 10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens building, located on the square in downtown Elba. The club is seeking a \$5 donation per plate.

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With Ferrin Cox

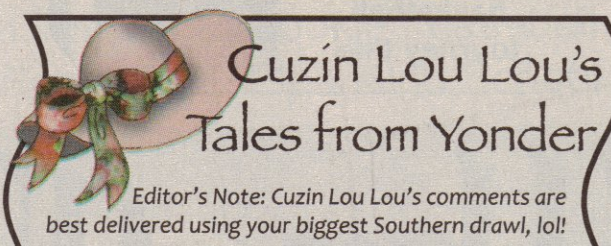
The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. — Helen Keller

Seven Alabama law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty over the past 13 months. Attorney General Steve Marshall has been known to 'play to the audience' with his press conferences but the discussion in this Tuesday's conference goes far beyond anyone's political ambitions. These violent deaths are part of a growing unrest in America, one that definitely needs addressing and sooner rather than later. These killings and the unrest in national politics are all symptoms of a populace that is restless, floundering — or worse - maybe frightened. We don't have any answers in this very serious matter, but something needs to be done to reverse the direction our society is tumbling into with no bottom in sight. Law enforcement is a hazardous job in the best of times, but it is clearly getting more dangerous by the hour. While we are hoping for a positive solution to this issue, it is our suggestion that each of our readers never miss a chance to thank a law enforcement officer for their efforts to make our lives, and the lives of our families, a little safer. With all their faults human beings are prone to have, it is still more than fair to say 'Thanks Officer'.

This week's edition of The Elba Clipper has the official list of qualified Coffee County voters. Alabama is probably the last state that furnishes this information so openly to the public, so we urge you to utilize it, check your listing and where you, along with your family and close friends, are to vote this year. There is a major change in voting sites in Elba this time with those of us who normally vote at the Claxton Avenue Recreation Center now voting at the Elba Church of Christ, on the Troy Highway. The rec building has seen better days and without a new floor (and floor joists) is not safe. If you are NOT on this list, there is still time to contact the Board of Registrars in New Brockton and get this corrected. We are going to the polls next month so don't delay.

Thus far Coffee County has dodged the bullet when there have been warnings of bad weather headed toward the Southern part of the United States. It seems that the worst of these storms go to the left or right — and/or North or South of our area. That is all right, we have had enough weather disasters to last two lifetimes. We write that as weather warnings are hitting the airways with a possibility of bad weather the latter part of the week.

EDITORIAL



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Lou Lou gets tickled occasionally when she is scrolling through her Facebook feed and sees all the 'check-ins' at these places where folks are paying big bucks for healthy shakes.

Now, Lou Lou is in no way opposed to people enjoying those things if they so desire. As a matter of fact she always says 'go for it' if that is what floats your boat. But, Lou Lou cannot figure out why it is necessary to 'check-in' when a new shake is purchased.

A mystery to her that will continue to be.

Earlier this week, Lou Lou was minding her own business when suddenly Sister checks-in with a shake of her own!

"What in the name of Yonder!?!?"

Lou Lou knew Sister had been curious about these healthy shakes, especially as of late because several of her co-workers had jumped on the crave bus. But, Lou Lou had no idea that Sister was going to go out and get her own seat on the bus too!

Well, Lou Lou immediately sent Sister a text!

"You trying to 'Get Fit' too?" she asked.

"It wasn't really what I was expecting," Sister said. "I should have gone with a different one."

Thinking it was all a bit too funny, Lou Lou decided

to 'pick' a bit at Sister.

Lou Lou sent Sister a picture of her own cup of coffee and the Little Debbie brownie she had just opened.

Sister texted back, "Is that part of your Get Curvy plan?"

"You know it!" Lou Lou said.

At lunch, Sister brought the remnants of her supposed to be Strawberry Cheesecake healthy shake home, and Lou Lou decided to take a swig and check it out for herself.

Gag! Cough! Gag some more! Cough even louder! Run to the Sink! Spit it Out! Lou Lou was dying, and she was convinced she had just swallowed liquid antibiotics straight from cup pretending to be something it definitely was not!

Sister literally rolled her eyes at Lou Lou and insisted she was being over dramatic. She literally had the nerve to say to Lou Lou that it was not that bad.

"You lie!" Lou Lou exclaimed!

Sister can have her healthy shake all day long any day, but Lou Lou decided she will stick to the Get Curvy plan!

"When I want a shake, I'll have me a good 'ole sugar filled chocolate ice cream milkshake!"

Long story short... Lou Lou will leave the healthy shakes to everyone else, and if she decided to drop a few pounds, it'll most definitely be from some other source than a healthy shake! Sister has lost her mind!!

Now apparently Sister is planning to go back for a blueberry muffin shake next time. Be assured...Lou Lou has a Martha White blueberry muffin mix in the cabinet that will satisfy her just fine!!

Until next time...God bless and keep smiling!

**** Cuzin Lou Lou is, simply put, a figment of the imagination. Each week, Cuzin Lou Lou will explore actual stories, happenings and more by adding a bit of humor to each from her homeland of Somewhere Over Yonder. The intent of this column is to take a light-hearted look at things and be entertaining only.**

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Applications now being taken for Troy University's Ph.D. in global leadership

The deadline for fall applications for Troy University's new Ph.D. in Global Leadership program is approaching, but those interested still have time to complete the process.

Applications for the fall 2020 term, which will begin in August, are due by March 15, and those who are accepted for the program will receive notification by April 15. The deadline for applications to begin in spring 2021, which begins in January 2021, is Sept. 15.

The program, which is a part of the University's College of Education and can be completed online, was approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges last fall, and is the University's third doctoral program, joining the Doctor of Nursing Practice and the Doctor of Philosophy in Sport Management.

The program aims to help students develop a variety of leadership skills and competencies, including effective leadership for organizational change, facilitation of global teams, effective communication, and improving organizational effectiveness. Students will complete core coursework and choose a specialization in one of the following areas: Public Administration, Organizational Leadership, Strategic Communication, Educational Leadership and Administration, or Higher Education.

TROY's Global Leadership doctoral degree will be unique in the state of Alabama and is designed to develop leaders from diverse backgrounds that will serve locally, regionally, na-

tionally, and internationally. That global focus includes encouraging students to pursue international internships, said Dr. Rosser-Mims.

"The Ph.D. in Global Leadership will help prepare individuals to lead organizations across a variety of disciplines and to communicate effectively with diverse teams across cultural lines," Dr. Rosser-Mims said. "Through this program, we want students to understand leadership from a global perspective."

The program requires 63 credit hours, 45 of which are core, research and dissertation courses that must be completed. The remainder of the credit hours come from one of the five focus areas: Organizational Leadership, Public Administration, Strategic Communication, Higher Education or Educational Leadership and Administration. To learn more about the program, visit www.troy.edu/globalleadership.

The 2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Elba. Look for more details next week!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, Feb. 3, and Sunday, Feb. 9, made the following arrests: two on warrants.

There were four traffic citations and 13 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Feb. 3rd - Feb. 9th.

MONDAY, FEB. 3 - Officers responded to the report of a domestic disturbance in the area of Adkison St (5:19 a.m.); A complainant came to the police department to report a stolen vehicle (10:21 a.m.); Officers responded to report of a subject unconscious in area of Morrow Ave (11:14 a.m.); Officers responded to report of unruly fans at a basketball game at Elba High School (7:14 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEB. 4 - Officers responded to a res-

idence on Martin Luther King Dr in reference to report of someone breaking and entering (7:51 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on E Williams St in reference to a subject sitting beside their car with a weapon (11:10 a.m.); Officers responded to call at Harper Apartments in reference to numerous people scuffling and trying to fight - officer broke the group up (3:31 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5 - Officers met with a complainant in area of Morrow Ave in reference to an unruly juvenile (6:34 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEB. 6 - Officers responded to Payne St in reference to power lines and trees down - contacted electric and street departments (10:54 a.m.); Officers responded to area of bypass and Hwy 87 in reference to road closed sign in the street (11:34 p.m.); Officers met with complainant on Farris Ave in reference to past tense assault (12:37 p.m.); Elba Fire responded to a fire at a residence on Highland Dr (5:45 p.m.); Officers responded to area of Virgil Coleman St in reference to an assault (7:13 p.m.); Officers responded to call in reference to an unruly juvenile on Cedar Lane Dr (7:47 p.m.); Officers responded to an unwanted guest complaint on Collier Circle (8:02 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of a physical dispute on Yelverton Ave (9:19 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 7 - Officers responded to a vehicle accident on Hwy 87 (12:30 a.m.); Officers responded to call in reference to a domestic dispute on Jackson St (6:36 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEB. 8 - Officers were in the area of County Rd 365 in reference to a report of gun shots heard (12:00 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Taylor Mill Rd in reference to an unruly child (8:23 a.m.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 9 - No

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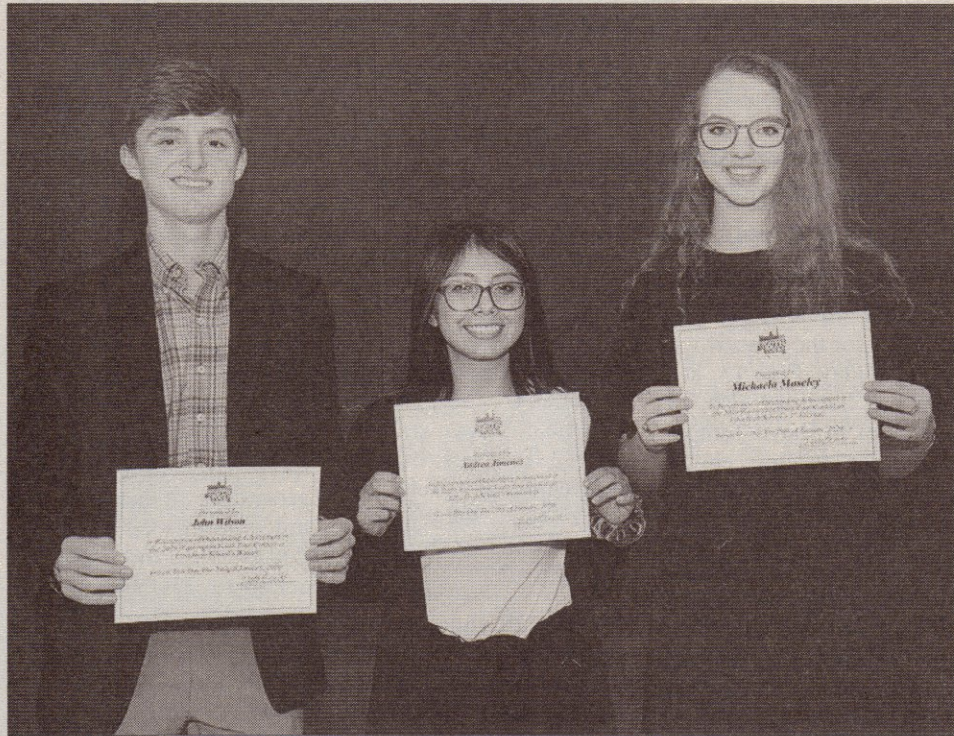
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6 months - \$13



Elba High School Youth Tour winners are (left to right) John Wilson, Andrea Jimenez and Michaela Moseley.

Elba High's PowerSouth Youth Tour winners recognized

Elba High School (EHS) students John Wilson and Andrea Jimenez were selected as PowerSouth's 2020 Youth Tour winner and runner-up, respectively. Michaela Moseley was selected as alternate.

The winners were chosen based on their performance on a written essay, a written test and an interview competition.

Wilson and Jimenez, on March 10-12, will join hundreds of other Youth Tour representatives from across Alabama in Montgomery to learn more about government, the legislative process

and the rural electrification program.

As the EHS Youth Tour winner, Wilson will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June to participate in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour with more than 1,500 students from all across America to watch history come alive in the nation's capital as they explore museums, memorials and monuments. He will also have the opportunity to meet with members of Congress and become part of a group that has more than

50,000 alumni in every walk of life including U.S. Senators and CEOs.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C., every June since the late 1950s, and more than 50,000 students from across America have participated in this unique program.

PowerSouth has participated in the Youth Tour program for more than 30 years, sponsoring students from Andalusia, Elba, Opp and Pike County high schools.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

JUDY MARIE PARRISH

Mrs. Judy Marie Parrish, age 62, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at her home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Stanley Key officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Berdie and Arthur Richard Henry Jr.; along with an infant sister, Debra Henry.

Survivors include her husband: Jacob Wayne Parrish, Elba; daughters: Christina (Toby) Cortez, Provo, Utah, Melissa (Elliot Leabans) Autin and Brook Decol, both of Houma, La.; stepdaughters: Candy (Nathan) Othling, Somerville, Ala., Sue (Jessie) Mitchell, Andalusia, Ala., Renee (Jerry) Griffin and Megan (Shaun) Corbin, both of Elba; stepsons: Billy Wayne (Patty) Parrish, Jack, Ala., Jacob (Christina) McCown, Elba, Joshua (Hannah) Parrish, Andalusia; her sisters: Nellie Pfeiffer, Yukon, Okla., Donna Henry, Houma; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LEON BOYD MURPHREE

Mr. Leon Boyd Murphree [known as Mr. Boyd], age 101, a long-time resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020.

Mr. Murphree owned Murphree Furniture Store. He served his country during World War II and was a longtime member of Elba United Methodist Church.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 from Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. His family requested donations be made to The United Methodist Children's Home at 3140 Zelda Court Suite 100 Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2607, or the charity of your choice.

Mr. Murphree was preceded in death by his wife Kate Murphree; his parents Harris and Mildred Murphree; two brothers Rodger Murphree and Joel Murphree; two sisters Dot Palmes and Marjorie Rainer; son-in-law Larry Hill; and grandson Jeffery Harris Hill.

Survivors include two daughters: Susan Ray (Bishop), Janet Hill; four grandchildren: Guy Davis (Caryn), Boyd Davis (Julie), Jennifer Hill, and Debbie Coshatt (Alan); six great-grandchildren: Wes Davis, Lindsay Davis, Braedyn Davis, Miller Davis, Kate Coshatt, Andrew Coshatt; and one great-great granddaughter: Sadie Marie Davis.

DEBORAH LEE SIMMONS PUGH

Ms. Deborah Lee Simmons Pugh, age 46, of Luverne, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, as a result of an automobile accident.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at Mt. Moriah Cemetery with Brother Travis Meeks and Brother Freddie Turner officiating. Burial followed with Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Survivors include her son: Stephen (Taylor) Pugh, Troy; daughter: Rebecca (Jordan) Barney, of Fla.; mother: Bertha Meeks, Talladega, Ala.; father: James Allen Simmons, Elba, Ala.; brothers: Travis (Ladonna) Meeks, Jimbo (Michelle) Meeks, and Adam Meeks, all of Troy, Jeff Lang, Talladega; sister: Kasey (Justin) Odom, New Brockton, Ala.; special friend: Shelia McClure, Troy; two uncles, four aunts, seven nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

BOE

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from two long-time teachers. In reference to the two retirees, Killingsworth said they have over 65 years of combined teaching experience, and while he said they will be sorely missed, he wished them well in retirement.

The two retiring teachers, Beverly McCall and Lisa Smith, are both are teachers at Zion Chapel School. Each will retire on June 1st.

The board also approved the employment of CaSandra Hankins as a part-time lunchroom worker for New Brockton High School. Her first day of work was Feb. 10th.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m.

NOTICE:

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 1:30 p.m., the voting machines to be used in the March 3rd Primary Election will be tested.

The voting machine check will be conducted at the Farm Center Building at the Coffee County Complex, Hwy 84W, New Brockton. The test is open to the general public.

This testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

For further information contact: Judge of Probate Enterprise office - 347-2688 or Elba office - 897-2211

Or check out the website at www.coffeecountyvotes.com

ELBA

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According to the contract, Boothe will provide a title report on each parcel approved at a rate of \$200 each; sale closing settlement services for any and all transfers of properties whose owners accept the offer extended to them to the City of Elba at a rate of \$300 each for closings with no unsatisfied encumbrances, and \$400 each for closings with encumbrances that must be satisfied at closing; and to provide a

recorded deed document including Statement of Voluntary Participation to be executed by each Seller/Owner who accepts the offered amount to the City of Elba, upon sale closing, at a rate of \$125 each.

Lt. Russ Young provided a report from the police department to council members, and he noted the department is losing another officer to another local agency. He said the officer did say he would be willing

to help out part-time still, if needed.

Council member Gappa Wise asked Young if he thought money was the main reason so many officers leave to go to other agencies, and Young said yes. He added that while there can be other factors to the decision to leave, the main reason in most cases is money.

Referencing this particular officer, Young said the sheriff in the county in which he will be going to work for, simply made the officer an offer he could not refuse.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

STOP

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member of the Central Alabama Crime Stoppers program should be a great way for the agency to receive information from tipsters on crimes to help officers be able to solve cases. He said any tips received by Crime Stoppers will be sent directly to Elba Police to help with any investigations. Also, he said reward monies

provided to tipsters also are handled through Crime Stoppers.

For anyone wanting to call rather than utilize the web program, call Crime Stoppers at (334) 215-STOP, and information will be directed to the appropriate law enforcement agency partner.

THEATRE

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Elba. He said after Funds2Orgs has the shoes, they are shipped to micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations who sell the shoes in their community to help lift themselves out of poverty.

"That is a pile of shoes, but the program has the benefit of serving multiple causes," Maddox said. "We've received a surprising number of shoes already."

He said the drop off locations for the shoe donations are the Elba Church of Christ, 715 N Troy High-

way, Elba or with Betsy Martin at the Elba City Schools Superintendent's Office.

For more information on this donation opportunity, contact Philip Box at (334) 447-2236.

"We are very excited about the possibilities both these programs can help generate for the Elba Theatre project," Maddox said. "If you want to see film, concerts, plays, and other events enlivening Court Street in Elba once again, this is a chance for you to make a huge difference."

Frances D. Brunson
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How to Take Your Child to a Funeral

The death of a loved one can have a profound impact on a child, and should be handled with care. For kids who have not yet had to experience funerals or the concept of death, the ideas associated with these events can be frightening. Understand that there is no "right" age when it comes to allowing your son or daughter attend the funeral of a loved one. If you believe attending the service would help your child to grieve, it is appropriate to bring him/her to the service. Keep these tips in mind:

Make sure they will be able to sit respectfully. - Many kids are not used to sitting still for long periods of time without a handheld video game or other toys to distract them. While these items might be acceptable to use in restaurants or while waiting at the doctor's office, it is not appropriate to bring toys to a funeral. If you are not confident your child can sit still without a form of distraction, you may want to reconsider bringing them.

Brief the boy or girl about what to expect. - Funerals are not easy for anyone to deal with, and can be especially stressful for young kids who do not know what to expect. To ensure your child is prepared to handle the experience, give the boy or girl an idea about what will go on at the funeral. Explain the occasion is a sad one, and they may see the people they love crying. Note this is normal, and they are free to cry too if they are feeling sad. During the discussion, you should also make it a point to explain to the child how they will need to behave throughout the duration of the service. Make sure they are prepared to sit quietly for an extended period of time.

Talk with the child about death. - For many kids, a funeral is their first experience with death and mortality. This can be unsettling and confusing for a child. Help them navigate this time by explaining the ideas and concepts involved in a way they might understand. Remember the death of a loved one can be used as a way to talk about human biology or religion with your son or daughter, especially as it pertains to what happens when you die. You can express your own personal beliefs on these matters, and ask your son or daughter what their thoughts are on the subject.

Be prepared to continue discussing the subject. - Funerals can have a significant impact on kids, and parents should appreciate and respect this. Your child may want to continue talking about the funeral after it is over. If it is clear they are struggling with the idea of death or the passing of a loved one, spend some time discussing the issues further. You may want to read kids' books on the subject, or take some time to answer lingering questions they may have.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net

Happy Valentine's Day

Jewel Box

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

MINISTER PHILIP BOX
ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Valentine's Day is just around the corner so here are some ways to Love God And Others...

1. Make a list of the ways God has shown His love for you.

The book *An "I Love You" Prayer* is a perfect starter for this activity, whether you do it by yourself or with your family. Take note of God's love for you through the bird singing outside your window or the kitty purring in your bed. See His love through the little arms hugging your neck. The heat in your home on a cold morning or the AC later that same day. Doing this with your kids would be especially sweet because you learn the *good* things they see in the world. You could simply make lists or each member of your family could write their list on a separate piece of colored paper or even a large poster with a different color marker for each family member (think pinks, purples, reds, and silver).

2. Do good in the world. Volunteer at our food bank, clothes closet, or even the giving garden.

Any of these activities would be perfect for Valentine's Day because you're sharing God's love with those in need. One of my very favorite Bible verse says, *"Never walk away from someone who needs help; for you may be the hand of God to that person."* Proverbs 3:27 (from The Message) Be His hands and share His love with someone else.

3. Read God's Love for You together.

By reading the Bible you hear first hand, from God Himself, of the love God has for all of us, and it is an activity that tells Him you love him back. Better yet, copy passages from it and tuck them into places where others will find them. We don't want it to be litter, but maybe one should go in between two boxes on a grocery store shelf, in the cover of a magazine in a waiting room, or on a public bulletin board. Let Him lead you to leave blessings for someone to find by divine appointment.

4. Love each other.

Love is a verb. Love your loved ones like crazy! Don't just say it but show it! Call your parents and in-laws. Go out of your way to serve your children and celebrate them today. Do something special for your spouse. You don't have to spend tons of money, but let your family see the love of Jesus reflected through you. *"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another."* John 13:34

This week we have an extra excuse to do what we should be doing all the time, so let us all Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World.

ACTS Ministries planning The Fragrance of Worship Concert for Saturday, Feb. 15 at Harris Temple COGIC in Elba, Ala.

ACTS Ministries COGIC will host The Fragrance of Worship Concert on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. at Harris Temple COGIC in Elba, Ala.

The guest clinician for this concert will be Pastor

Alekia J. Luckett. The rehearsals for the concert will be Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. at Harris Temple. All age groups, choirs, praise teams and musicians are invited to attend.

Harris Temple COGIC to hold Pastor Appreciation event Sunday, Feb. 16th

The 29th Pastoral Appreciation event will be held Sunday, Feb. 16, at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ in Elba.

The service is honoring Superintendent Keith and

Lady Sara Ellison. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Superintendent Jimmy Allen. The church is located at 747 Adams Avenue, Elba.

The Elba Ministerial Alliance

meets at Subway the first Thursday of each month at 8:30AM. If your church is not already a member we extend an invitation, we are also trying hard to build community relationships and would like to invite your nonprofit to come and tell us what you're doing. For more information call 334-897-2057

Mulberry District Association to host Black History Celebration

The Mulberry District Association will host a Black History Celebration 2020 on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. at the District building in Elba.

The guest speaker will be the Honorable William Cooper, mayor of Enter-

prise. Music will be provided by Jamie Broxton of Greater Springfield Baptist Church, New Brockton. All are invited to attend.

Church News is due on Mondays!

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Scripture: A song of God's majesty and love. Psalm 145: 1-21

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Dea. James Williams, Betty Moore, Ree-Nita Brooks, Beatrice Belcher Betty Refreege, Mary Sue Dawson, Alice Musgrove, Joyce B. Johnson

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Alexis Tillis 2/18
Danielle Hardwick 2/18
Sage Kelley 2/19
Eliza N. Kelley 2/20
Bufus Tillis Jr. 2/20 (in memory)
Monica Henderson 2/21
Tiffany Germany 2/21
Madeline Smith 2/24 (in memory)
Dianne Culver 2/25
Brittany Caldwell 2/26
Alonzo "Flake" Cole 2/27
Jovon Smedley 2/27
Tarlisa Warren 2/28

**** The Southeast District State Usher's Workshop and Luncheon will be Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church, Opp, Ala. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The workshop will be CPR/First Aid by Haynes Ambulance Service of Opp. An "Attendance Award" will be given to the Usher's Ministry with the most Usher's present and in uniform. Theme: "He health the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds" - exploring the theme will be Rev. Bennie Taylor.**

**** The Mulberry District Association's 2020 Black History Program will be Saturday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. at the Mulberry District Association Building in Elba. All Mulberry churches are asked to come out and support this program There will be a special guest speaker.**

**** Black History Month**
Benjamin E. Mays (1895 - 1984)
Before 500,000 people could march on Washington D.C.; Before 30,000 people could march from Selma; Before SNCC could sit in; Before Stokely Carmichael

could talk about "Black Power"; Before Martin Luther King Jr. could dream - certain black men had to be bold enough, wise enough, and selfless enough to assume the awesome responsibility of preparing the ground for a harvest they might never see. Of the handful of men called to this delicate and dangerous task, none tilted more ground than Preacher Benjamin Elijah Mays - a prophet who served as "Schoolmaster" of the Civil Rights Movement during a ministry that spanned some 60 years. During this period, Mays helped lay the foundation for the new world of black and white Americans. Master of a variety of roles - teacher, preacher, scholar, author, newspaper columnist, activist - Mays was enormously effective in the formative years of the Black Revolution in structures of power, such as serving in many executive roles and committees. In these roles, he had a direct and pervasive influence on black institutions, white institutions, and the freedom movement...

Note: If it is God's Will, the conclusion of this article on Benjamin E. Mays will be here in next week's edition of The Elba Clipper.

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of 2/6/2020

Q: In the Book of Jeremiah, the new covenant would be written on the (heart), (hand), (table) of the people?

A: The new covenant would be written on the hearts of the people. [read Jeremiah 31: 33]

Thought to Remember

Autumn Leaves
Jesus Does Not

Questions for the Week of 2/13/2020

True or False

Q: Jeremiah was a Prophet.
Q: God promised that the land of Judah would stay in captivity.

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Eria's Daughter, Sue

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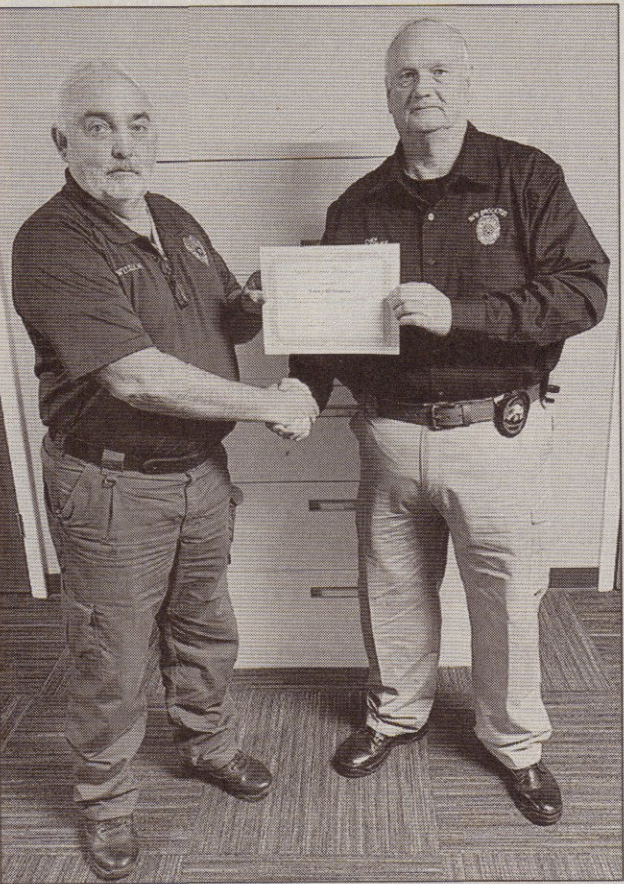
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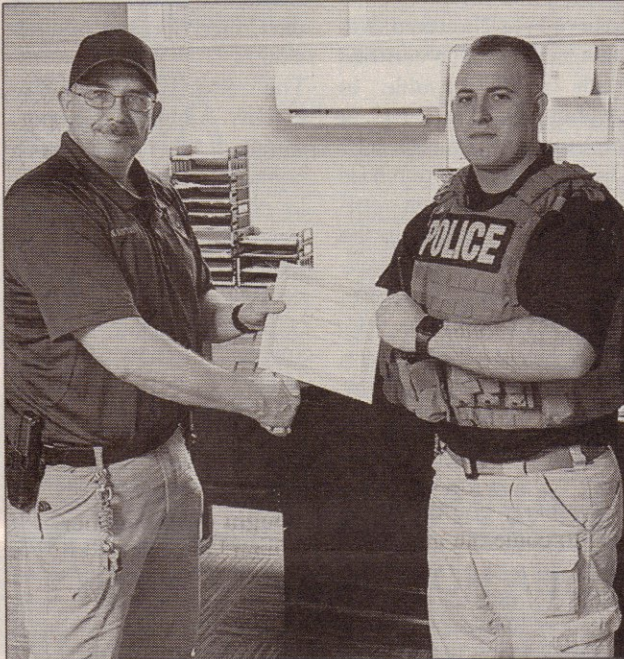
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Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST Rev. Remonia Smith Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.</p>		<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m. Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Bro Billy Berry Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Kevin Byrd, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p>		<p>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. . . 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p>		<p>OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st. 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 a.m. Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Neon Worship . . . 12:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon . . . 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.</p>		<p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH John Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES



NEW BROCKTON OFFICER HONORED...New Brockton Police Chief Dale Grimes (right) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Officer Terry Williams last week recognizing Williams for the good job he did in assisting a motorist that had broken down in New Brockton recently. The motorist, a resident of Florida, wrote a letter to the Town of New Brockton commending Officer Williams for his professional service in going above and beyond to help. The town further showed appreciation with Chief Grimes presenting this award for outstanding duty.



NEW BROCKTON OFFICER HONORED...On behalf of New Brockton Police Chief Dale Grimes, Assistant Chief Shawn Sawyer (left) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Officer Joshua Sullivan (right) last week recognizing Sullivan for the good job he did in assisting a motorist that had broken down in New Brockton recently. The motorist, a resident of Florida, wrote a letter to the Town of New Brockton commending Officer Sullivan for his professional service in going above and beyond to help. The town further showed appreciation with Chief Grimes presenting this award for outstanding duty.

Enterprise State Community College serves local workforce needs

Following the announcement of the fifth veterans home coming to the City of Enterprise, Enterprise State Community College met with local officials to discuss how both colleges can provide training and education to a workforce that will be growing in the coming years. "We have been preparing for months to serve the needs of our local workforce in anticipation of the new veterans home, wherever it would be located in the Wiregrass," ESCC President Matt Rodgers said. "We know we have great programs already in place to fill the jobs created by this facility, but we're also researching new programs because of the impact it will have in our service area."

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) made the announcement of a fifth home after conducting a study regarding the need for an additional veterans home. The study found that by 2045, 1,440 veterans would require a skilled-care bed, and it identified the Wiregrass region as an underserved area for veterans.

In 2023, Enterprise will be home to a new, 175-bed facility with an estimated 300 employees, including nursing and other healthcare staff, maintenance and administration staff.

"Our programs at Enterprise State provide high-quality training and education to our students in order to meet the needs of the local workforce," Dean of Instruction Danny Long said. "We offer programs in office administration, computer sciences

incoming facility. Additionally, while we already have a thriving MAT program at ESCC, we recognize that there will be a growing need for nurses in our area."

Director of Workforce Development Ian Campbell said projected data shows LPN jobs growing nationally, across the state and regionally in the next 10 years.

"According to the Health Resources & Services Administration, a projected national shortage of about 151,500 LPNs could develop by 2030," Campbell said. "Data from Emsi, which is collected from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that we will see about a 7 percent increase across the state and about a 4 percent increase in our local region by 2029 in LPN positions."

"Because of this information, we are discussing the possibility of creating an LPN program on our Enterprise campus," Long said.

In addition to the Medical Assistant Technology pro-

Elba Recreation to host Healthy Living Expo on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, in Elba

The City of Elba's Recreation Department will host a community engagement event, The Magic of Nutrition and Physical Activity-A Healthy Living Expo, Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba.

The Elba Recreation Department received a \$30,000 Access to Healthy Foods Grant from the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Walmart Foundation. The goals of the grant are to increase the number of meals served to children during the summer months; adopt HEPA Standards (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity); and implement a Nutrition Curriculum in our programs.

Recently, the Elba Recreation Department received \$3,333 in additional grant funds to implement an Inter-generational event.

"Plans to utilize the additional grant funds include hosting this community event on February 22nd, and to host a 5K Run in the Spring," said Beverly Daniels-Hamilton, Camp EXCEL youth director and grant manager for the Elba Recreation Department.

The Healthy Living Expo on Feb. 22nd will feature lots of fun activities for the family including: Bouncy Houses and Slides; National Guard Rock Climbing Wall; a Walking Tour by the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Coffee County Extension Healthy Cooking Demonstrations and Cooking Healthy on a Budget Presentations; Calvin Pie Allen-KLPA Creative Dancers and Fitness Instructor, Line Dancing and Zumba Classes and Commit Health Curriculum and recipe information. The Elba Public Library, The Elba Senior Citizens Center, the Coffee House and Courthouse Square are the event locations.

For more information or to participate in the event, contact Daniels-Hamilton at 334-763-0814 or excelprojectelba@gmail.com or Elba Recreation director Greg Hanchey at 334-897-6833.



NEW ROOF FOR ELBA THEATRE...Work was well underway Tuesday, Feb. 11, in Elba for the roof replacement at the Elba Theatre, located on the square in downtown Elba. As shown here, the old roof was removed Tuesday morning to make way for the theatre's new roof. This is one of several improvements a grant is helping complete for the Elba Theatre renovations, making way for events to once again be held at this iconic Elba building in downtown Elba. Restoration 154 is the organization overseeing the Elba Theatre project.

Coffee County Habitat for Humanity plans Father-Daughter Banquet for Feb. 21st

The Coffee County Habitat for Humanity presents its Tenth Annual Father-Daughter Banquet to help raise funds for the organization's ongoing effort to eliminate substandard housing in the county.

The "Winter Wonderland" banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at First United Methodist Church in Enterprise, Ala. All proceeds will go to Coffee County Habitat for Humanity.

Billed as an event for fathers to create a lasting memory with their daughters, the event will include dinner, dancing, and a photo opportunity. This event also serves as an opportunity for grandfathers to share a delightful evening with their granddaughters.

A Father-Daughter ticket is \$100 with \$30 for the first additional daughter and \$10 for a second additional daughter. There is no additional charge for

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Coffee County Highway Department Mechanic

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The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Van Driver for the Senior Citizens Center

Opening Date: Immediately.

Closing Date: February 24, 2020

This is a part time position.

Job Summary: This position involves the transportation of elderly clients to and from the center. This individual will also assist with the distribution and serving of meals provided by the nutrition program. Additionally, this person will assist with the physical appearance and condition of the Center as requested.

Qualifications: Must have a valid Alabama Driver's license and a clear MVR. Must be able to pass a background check. Desire experience working with the elderly.

Applications are available at City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or online at www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities. All applications should be submitted to Elba City Hall or may be emailed to info@elbaal.gov with the subject line "Van Driver."

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NOTICE

The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2020 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go by the Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract. All Bids are required to be turned in to Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 14, 2020. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 1/16,23, 30, 2/6&13-chg.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHILLIP H. HAMM,
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC2020-003

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of January 2020 by the Honorable Steven Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 24th day of January 2020. /s/ Rodney H. Hamm
Personal Representative
1/30,2/6&2/13-pd.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated May 30, 2007, executed by Clarence Raymond Behan, married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Mortgage America, Inc., which mortgage was recorded on May 30, 2007, in Official Records Book 409, Page 330, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Enterprise, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on March 17, 2020, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot 6, Block C, Forest Park Subdivision, an addition to the City of Enterprise, a map or plat of which is

recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 72, Office of the Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section §17-6-4(b), Code of Alabama, 1975, I, Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate of Coffee, Alabama hereby gives notice of the change to the voting place therein as set out below. This notice outlines a designation of a new voting precinct in Coffee County via prior resolution of the Coffee County Commission, dated February 10, 2020.

Precinct District 3 Elba Recreation Center is relocated to Elba Church of Christ, 715 N. Troy Highway, Elba, by designation of the Coffee County Commission.

The Sheriff of Coffee County, Alabama shall post a copy of this notice at each courthouse and at two public places within each election district.

Done this the 10th day of February, 2020.

/s/ Steven E. Blair

Steven E. Blair, Probate Judge

2/13, 20 & 27-chg

LAWN CARE BIDS CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED AT THE ELBA HOUSING AUTHORITY

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PUBLIC HEARING

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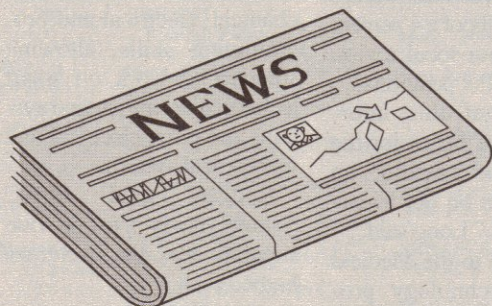
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February 27th is deadline to apply for absentee ballots for March 3rd Primary Election

Note that Thursday, Feb. 27, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to apply for absentee ballots for the March 3rd Primary Election.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton.

Absentee Election Manager is Linda Mills mailing address is P. O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL 36351. Her physical location is 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama.

Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons;

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.
- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.
- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.
- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Completed ballots must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager at P. O. Box 427, New Brockton, Alabama 36351 no later than one day prior to the election, or if mailed through the United States Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than one day prior to the election.

Multiple ballots cannot be mailed in the same envelope.

STATE OF ALABAMA: COUNTY OF COFFEE:
ELECTION APPOINTMENT BOARD
POLL WORKER APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to the provision of Section §17-8-1 et. Seq., Code of Alabama, 1975 as last amended, we the undersigned Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate, Dave Sutton, Sheriff and Amy Reeves, Clerk of Circuit Court, as members of the Election Appointment Board for Coffee County Alabama do hereby appoint the following named electors to conduct the Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2020 and the Run-Off Election to be held on March 31, 2020.

Done this the 12th day of February, 2020

/s/ Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate

/s/ Dave Sutton, Sheriff

/s/ Amy Reeves, Clerk of Circuit Court

NOTICE TO ALL ELECTION OFFICIALS

In accordance with the 1975 Code of Alabama Section §17-8-9, a School of Instruction will be held for all election officials. State law provides that no election official shall serve in any election district in which a voting machine is used, unless he or she has received such instruction from the instructor prior to each election. All election officials must attend the election schools by law. The Election School will be held on the following dates:

*9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 15th

At the Coffee County Commission Meeting Room, in New Brockton

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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson has a very big vocabulary and there is no doubt it comes from his love of reading. He reads at least two books a day, and often more, and seems to be never satisfied as he tries to find the answers to anything he doesn't understand. Hey, even my wife and I read a book last week. So, it may be wearing off on us.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers saw their* disappointing basketball season come to an abrupt end last week with a 100-44 shellacking at the hands of the Florala Wildcats. The Tigers came out fast and looked to try and keep pace with the high-flying Wildcats, but couldn't get their shots to fall while Florala drained a dozen three-pointers and just ran away with the big win. It has been a long time since Elba won only three games in basketball and even longer since the Tigers allowed 100 points in a game. This season may be one that gets only a few words in the rich history of Elba Tiger basketball.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers continued* their season long drive toward the regional tournament as they added the area tournament title to the regular season area title and moved within one win of a trip to Montgomery. The Lady Tigers defeated Brantley for the third time in the season and got revenge for a regular season loss to Kinston in the area finals by posting a 20-point win over the talented Lady Bulldogs. The win over Kinston was Elba's 20th of the season, a rare feat at Elba High, and proved that the highly competitive schedule devised by Coach Shaun Hammonds paid dividends.

*** *Two area teams punched their tickets* to sub-region play last week as Zion Chapel win its area tournament and Kinston placed second. The Rebels shared the regular season crow with Goshen, but then proved it was the class of the area in the four-team tournament as they rolled past New Brockton and Goshen to push their win total to 15 and advance to sub-region play. The Lady Bulldogs ran their winning streak to eight games with a big win over Florala in the opening round of the area tourney, and while they lost to Elba in the tournament finals, the Lady Bulldogs made it clear that they were a team to reckon with as they continue their season with a trip to sub-region.

*** *The season came to an end* for the other teams in the area in area tournament play as a new page was entered in the history books.

** *New Brockton* ended its season with a 3-20 record and has now posted a record of only 6 wins and 60 losses over the past three seasons, while the Lady Gamecocks closed its season winless with an 0-23 record and over the past seven years has struggled to a combined record of only 10 wins and 127 losses.

** *Zion Chapel* was the number two seed entering the area tournament and owned two wins over Goshen, but the Lady Rebels didn't find the third time to be a charm as they were upset by Goshen to end the season with a 4-16 record and a total of 21 wins over the last four years.

** *Kinston* was eliminated in the opening round of the area tournament to close the season with a 4-17 record after posting 10 wins last season, but it was the Bulldogs seventh straight losing season as they have posted a 20-52 slate the last two years.

** *Brantley* ended its season with a disappointing 11-11 record after an opening round loss in the area tournament, far from the 22 wins posted a year ago, and the fewest wins in five years after posting five 20-win seasons over a seven-year span.

*** *All is quiet on the coaching front* here in Elba, and last week I heard it may be as late as April before a new head football coach is named. Again, I only know what I hear. So, if you know more, let me know.

At area tournament

Elba Tigers tamed by Florala 100-44

The Elba Tigers saw their season come an abrupt end last week in the opening round of the Class 1A, Area 3 basketball tournament as they fell to the top-seed Florala Wildcats 100-44.

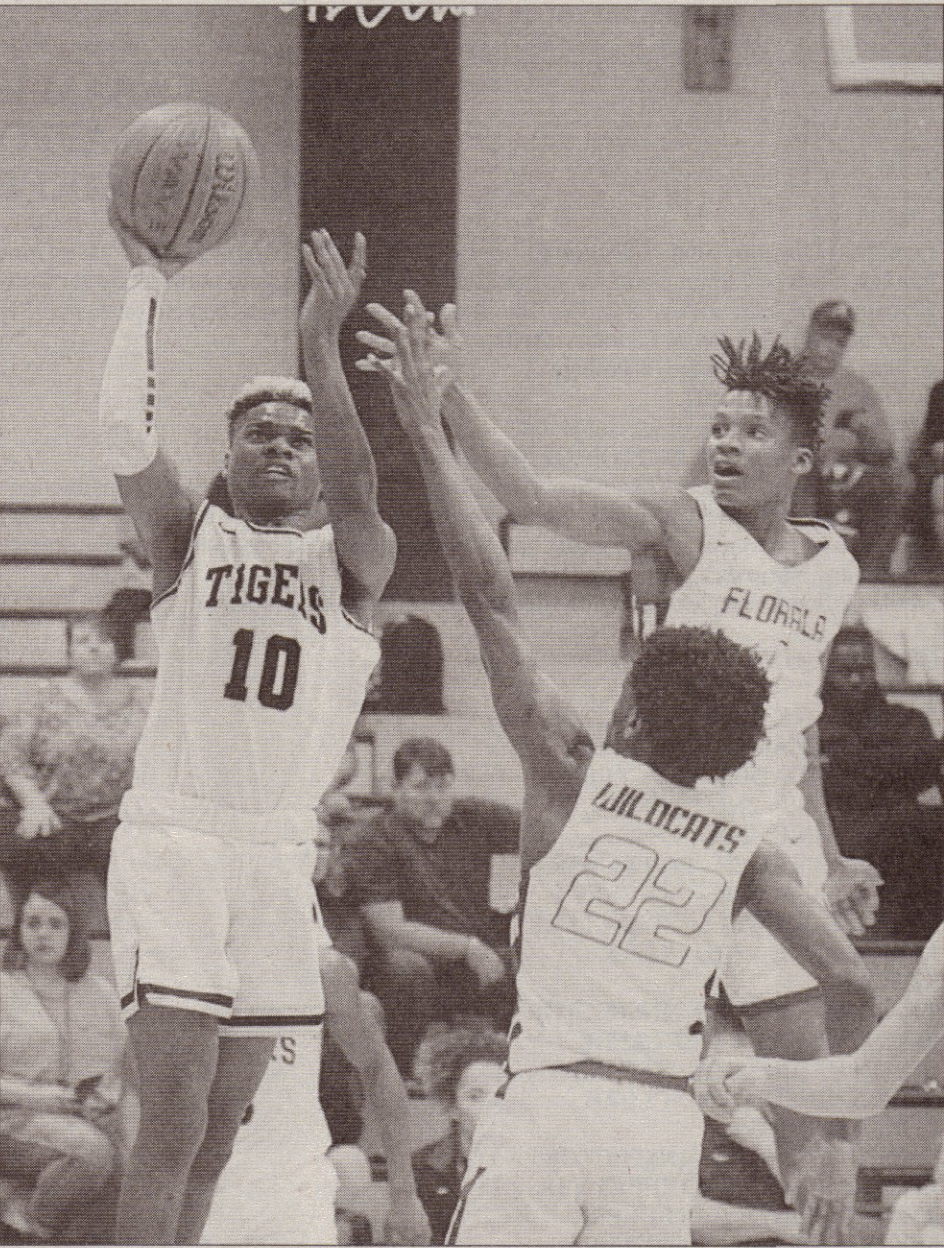
Elba trailed only 4-3 early in the opening quarter after a 3-pointer by Collin Harrison, but had a hard time getting its shots to drop for the remainder of the stanza and watched as the Wildcats bombed away from outside the arc as Florala nailed seven 3-pointers to race out to a 24-7 lead.

Chrystyle Caldwell sparked an early 5-1 run by the Tigers to open the second quarter, but Florala never slowed down and took advantage of Tiger turnovers and five more 3-pointers to go in at intermission with a lopsided 54-20 advantage.

A 3-pointer by Sebastian Thomas sparked a 5-0 Tiger run to open the third quarter as Elba appeared determined to fight its way back into the game, but the Wildcats were on fire and never slowed down on either end of the court as they continued to pour it on and carried a 77-30 lead into the fourth quarter.

Florala continued to score almost at will in the fourth quarter, and while its fans were cheering for their team to reach the century mark, the Wildcats continued to add to their lead and went up 95-38 with 4:52 still left on the clock. The Wildcats reached the 100-point plateau with 1:18 remaining and at the final horn celebrated the wild 100-44 win.

Sebastian Thomas scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Rashad Coleman led Florala with 25 points, 9 steals and 7 assists, and Dixon Drakkar added 20 points.



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (10) drives to the basket for a basket in recent action against Florala. The Tigers closed out the season last week with a 3-14 record with a loss to the Wildcats at the area tournament.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

The....

Tournament Trail



Zion Chapel Rebels win area tournament title for Class 2A, Area 4 basketball

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their banner season last week as they defeated the New Brockton Gamecocks 48-37 and the Goshen Eagles 54-47 to win the Class 2A, Area 4 basketball tournament. In the win over the Eagles, Joey McCrory scored 19 points, while Brady Cobb added 11 and Conner Kelley scored 10. Dee Maddox led Goshen with 23 points. Front row: Bryce Watson, Austin Johns, Head Coach Jared Robison, Trevor Lee, Nate Grantham, Zay Adair. The team and coaches are pictured above with the area tourney trophy. They include: (front row) Bryce Watson, Austin Johns, Head Coach Jared Robison, Trevor Lee, Nate Grantham, and Zay Adair; (back row) Coach Josh O'Neal, Joey McCrory (All-tournament team & MVP), Tommy Banta, Jacob Anderson, Connor Kelley, Cole McDaniel, Chase Horstman, Brady Cobb (All-tournament team), Billy Heap, and Coach Bubba Lee.

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Kinston Lady Bulldog Addison Musgrove (5) drives to the basket in area tourney action. (Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Lady Bulldogs flatten Florala 59-38

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs advanced to the finals of the Class 1A, Area 3 basketball tournament with a dominating 59-38 win over the Florala Lady Wildcats. Kelsi Cardwell scored 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Faith Peters added 18 and Addison Musgrove scored 11. Sharae Coleman scored 21 points for Florala.

Lady Gamecocks fall to Samson 78-23

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a winless season come to an end at the Class 2A, Area 4 basketball tournament with a 78-23 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Paula McKenna scored 9 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Brantley Edberg scored 20 points and Trinity Jenkins added 13 for the Lady Tigers.

Lady Rebels upset by Goshen 24-15

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels saw their run through the post-season hit an unexpected dead end as they were eliminated in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 4 basketball tournament by the Goshen Lady Eagles 24-15. Alanah Bunce and Janna Miles both scored 7 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Ella Baker led the Lady Eagles with 8 points.

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Elba Lady Tiger Nina Williams (3) takes a shot from behind the arc during tourney play. Williams averaged 15 points per game in the two tournament wins.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Elba Lady Tiger defenders Breanna Sanders, Celeste Edwards and Melissa Williams surround Brantley's Gabby Perkins in the corner.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Elba Lady Tiger Freeda Hooks battles Kinston Lady Bulldogs Addison Musgrove (5) and Claire McReynolds for a loose ball in last week's area championship game. Both teams advanced to sub-region play this week after posting tourney wins.



CLASS 1A, AREA 3 CHAMPIONS.... The Elba Tigers took time to pose with the championship plaque last week after winning the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament title with wins over Brantley and Kinston. Pictured above are (kneeling, l-r) #2 Andrya Chism, #5 Maggie Hammonds, #23 Freeda Hooks, #12 Melissa Williams, #3 Nina Williams, #4 Undreya Chism, (standings, l-r) Head Coach Shaun Hammonds, #21 Celeste Edwards, #20 Danaejah Flowers, #15 Breanna Sanders, #1 Jaylyn Baker, #24 Yada Caldwell, #25 Zhandria Siler, and assistant coach Patricia Jordan.

Improve record to 20-7

Lady Tigers are area champs

The Elba Lady Tigers proved just why their were the top seed entering last week's Class 1A, Area 3 basketball tournament as they rolled to wins over Brantley 34-24 and Kinston 61-41 to add the tournament title to the regular season crown.

"We have worked hard in practice all season to improve as individuals and as a team and put together a very competitive schedule to prepare us for the post-season," stated Elba's Coach Shaun Hammonds, "and last week we reaped the fruits of our labor. Both of our opponents were very good teams and were very well coached, and we had to step up and play our best to advance. We are still learning and working to get better every time we get on the court, and have our sights set high."

Following are highlights of last week's area tournament wins:

Elba 34 Brantley 24

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed their third win of the season over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs with a hard fought 34-24 victory.

Brantley jumped out to an early 5-0 lead behind the scoring of Gabby Perkins and Kayden Dunn, but the Lady Tigers responded and led by the play of Nina Williams and Jaylyn Baker rallied to sneak ahead 9-7. Neither team could find its way to the goal in the second quarter as the score was tied at 11-11 heading into the second half.

Jaylyn Baker converted a three-point play and got inside for a basket to put Elba on top 16-11 midway through the third quarter, but Gabby Perkins answered with a three-point play of her own to cut the lead to 16-14. The Lady Bulldogs stayed within striking distance and trailed only 20-19 late in the stanza, only to see the Lady Tigers Melissa Williams drain a long 3-pointer to give Elba a 23-19 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Gabby Perkins made it a one-point game at 23-22 with five minutes remaining after a basket inside, but the Lady Tigers again rallied as Breanna Sanders hit two short jumpers and Nina Williams added two free throws to push their lead to 29-22 with two minutes left on the clock. Nina Williams was clutch at the foul line in the

closing minutes as she connected on 5 of 7 shots from the line to seal the 34-24 opening round win.

Jaylyn Baker scored 13 points and Nina Williams added 12 to lead Elba, while Gabby Perkins led Brantley with 11 points.

Elba (34): Baker 13, N. Williams 12, M. Williams 3, Sanders 6.

B'ley (24): Bush 2, Barginere 1, Perkins 11, Brockton 5, Dunn 5.

Elba 61 Kinston 41

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 61-41 to claim the area tournament title.

Nina Williams scored Elba's first six points to keep the Lady Tigers even at 6-6 early in the opening quarter, and while Courtney Lunsford and Addison Musgrove combined to score nine points for Kinston, Williams matched that number herself as the Lady Tigers rallied late to open up a 16-11 lead.

Kinston battled throughout the second quarter and behind the play of Addison Musgrove trailed only 28-25 until the closing second of the half, when Elba's Breanna Sanders sank a long 3-pointer to send the Lady Tigers in at intermission with a 31-25 lead.

Elba's Melissa Williams and Kinston's Addison Musgrove both nailed a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter Kelsi Cardwell added one trey for the Lady Bulldogs as Kinston battled to hang close. However, Elba's fast paced style of play began to take its toll on Kinston and by the end of the stanza the Lady Tigers were on top 46-35.

The Lady Tigers kept up its full court pressure on defense and hit 7 of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter to run away in the final stanza, and at the final horn it was Elba doing the celebrating as the Lady Tigers claimed the 61-41 win.

Nina Williams scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Melissa Williams and Breanna Sanders both added 12. Addison Musgrove scored 16 points and Courtney Lunsford added 11 to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Elba (61): Baker 9, N. Williams 18, M. Williams 12, Sanders 12, Edwards 1, Hooks 9.

K'ton (41): Lunsford 11, Cardwell 7, Musgrove 16, McReynolds 7.



Elba Lady Tiger Breanna Sanders (15) blocks a shot attempt by Kinston's Kelsi Cardwell (3) in last week's area championship game.

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Elba E Club hosted fun-filled Old Timers vs Rookies baseball fundraising event last Saturday, Feb. 8th, at Elba High School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba High School baseball program kicked off the season Saturday, Feb. 8, in a fun way as the program hosted its annual 'Old Timers' Hit-a-Thon and Rookies vs Old Timers game.

The day's highlights also included a ribeye steak sandwich plate sale, which is always a super successful part of the event.

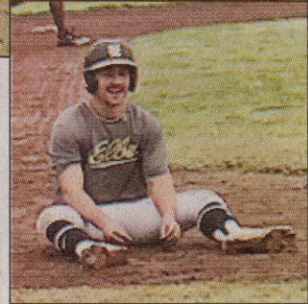
The actual start to Saturday's action was delayed a bit due to rain in the area, but that soon cleared and allowed the festivities to get underway.

First up was the 'Old Timers' Hit-a-Thon where participants slugged it out for two awards - longest hit and most hits. The longest hit award went to a repeat winner and early 2000's Elba grad - Marcus Henderson. The most hits went to a recent Elba grad [Class of 2019] - Byron Johnson.

The Rookies [current varsity Elba baseball team] vs. the 'Old Timers' baseball game was a 5-inning affair



A trio of Johnson 'old timers' run down Collin Sauls caught between third and home during last Saturday's Old Timers vs Rookies game. Braxton Robinson was catching behind the plate for the Old Timers and caught Sauls between the bases on a pitch, which led to this run down out. The Johnson trio included Byron, Blake and Chance. The photo at the right shows Sauls' grin after he was caught by the 'old guys' in that attempt to make it home.



this year, with the Rookies coming out on top 7-4 in the end.

The Old Timers took an early 1-0 lead in the game, but the Rookies game roaring back mid-way in the contest and jumped out to a scoring seven unanswered

runs. However, the Old Timers showed the Rookies they still had fight left in them and rallied in the bottom of the fifth to close the game out with a 7-4 final.

As expected, there was quite a bit of 'smack talk' coming from both sides throughout the fun-filled game, but it can be reported that all left smiling and still friends in the end. And, all were wishing the 2020 Elba Tigers best of luck this baseball season, which officially begins Monday, Feb. 17, at the Hits for Heroes event in Dothan as the Tigers will take on Geneva.

The JV Tigers will host Opp on Tuesday, Feb. 18, and both the JV and Varsity teams will play New Brockton in Elba on Thursday, Feb. 20, beginning at 4:30.

The proceeds raised last Saturday from the ribeye

steak sandwich plate sales and the Old-Timers event will go directly to the baseball team through the Elba E Club, the booster organization for athletics at Elba High School. E Club parent liaisons for baseball this year are Kelly and Kayron Shehee.

"Saturday's fundraiser was a great success for our baseball program," Kayron Shehee said. "We were afraid the rain was going to mess us up there for a bit, but it cleared up enough that we were able to continue with our activities. All in all, it was a great day for our baseball program!"

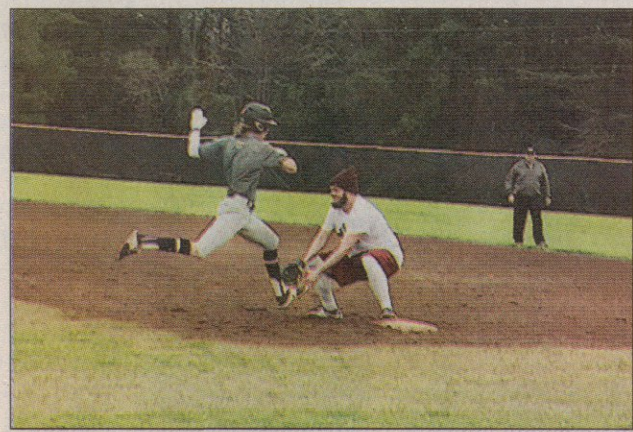
The varsity Tigers will be led this season again by Coach Glen Johnson. He said he feels good about this year's team and encourages all fans to come out and support the Tigers!



LONGEST HIT...The Hit-a-Thon award for longest hit went to Marcus Henderson (left). Henderson is a repeat winner of this award. Presenting the award was Elba High School varsity baseball coach Glen Johnson.



MOST HIT...The Hit-a-Thon award for most hits went to Byron Johnson (left). Presenting the award was Elba High School varsity baseball coach Glen Johnson.



Old Timer Derick Thomas applies the tag for the out at first early in the Old Timers vs. Rookies baseball game last Saturday at Elba High School.



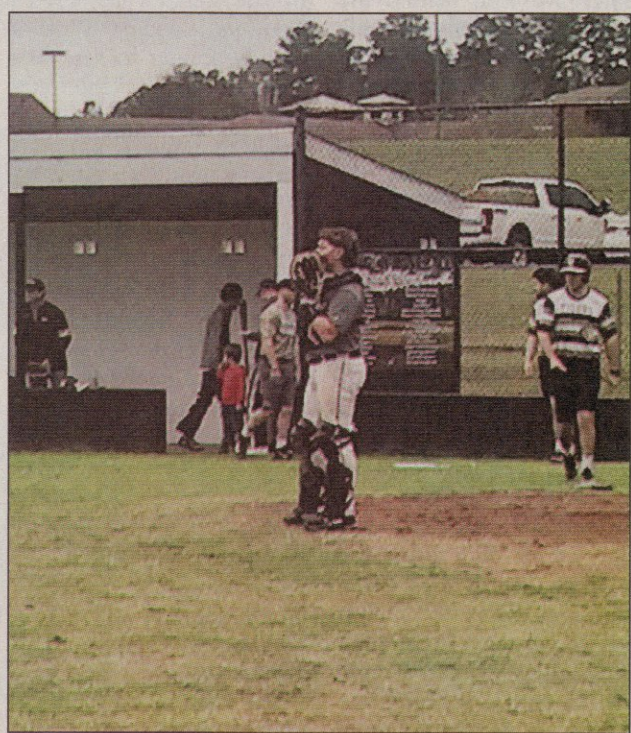
Rookies return the favor and get an out at third on Old Timer Blake Johnson.



Prepping the ribeye steak sandwich plates for pickup.



Old Timers and Rookies...It was another win for the Rookies, but the Old Timers didn't make it easy on them!



Rookies catcher Whit Shehee calls out signals to his team during Old Timers vs. Rookies game.



Elba grad and current teacher Austin Johnson delivers a pitch for the Old Timers team.

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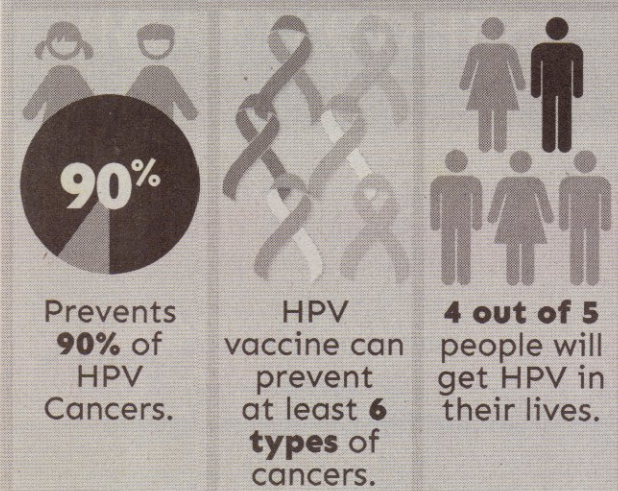
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2/20	New Brockton	Elba JV/V	4:30
2/21	Samson	Samson JV/V	4:30
2/24	Kinston (DH)	Elba JV	4:00
2/25	Zion Chapel	Elba JV/V	4:00
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** A Feb. 13th game with Opp and Feb. 14th game with Geneva County were cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date

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